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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

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period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)					
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